

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SEC. 1001. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) Provides that this title will be known as the “Agricultural Reconciliation Act of 2005.”

(b) Provides a table of contents for this title.

Subtitle A—Commodity Programs

SEC. 1101. PERCENTAGE REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF DIRECT PAYMENTS FOR COVERED COMMODITIES AND PEANUTS.

(a) Reduces the total amount of the direct payment to be paid to producers of covered commodities by 1% for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

(b) Reduces the total amount of the direct payment to be paid to producers of peanuts by 1% for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

SEC. 1102. REDUCTION IN PERCENTAGE OF DIRECT PAYMENT AMOUNT AUTHORIZED TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

(a) Reduces the percentage of advance direct payments for which producers of covered commodities are eligible in fiscal years 2006 and 2007 from 50% to 40%.

(b) Reduces the percentage of advance direct payments for which producers of peanuts are eligible in fiscal years 2006 and 2007 from 50% to 40%.

SEC. 1103. COTTON COMPETITIVENESS PROVISIONS.

(a) Repeals the special marketing loan provisions for upland cotton known as “Step 2.”

(b) Makes a conforming amendment to Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996.

(c) Designates that the amendments made by this section will become effective on August 1, 2006.

Subtitle B—Conservation

SEC. 1201. LIMITATIONS ON USE OF COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUNDS TO CARRY OUT WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

(a) Reduces funding for the watershed rehabilitation program by \$15 million.

(b) Removes the requirement that funds for the watershed rehabilitation program remain available to the Secretary until such funds are expended.

(c) Rescinds funds that are previously made available and that are unobligated as of September 30, 2006.

SEC. 1202. CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM.

(a) Limits the funding for the conservation security program to \$2,213,000,000 for fiscal years 2006 through 2010. Increases the funding for the conservation security program to \$5,729,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2006 through 2015.

(b) Extends the authorization for the conservation security program through 2011.

SEC. 1203. LIMITATIONS ON USE OF COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUNDS TO CARRY OUT AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Eliminates funding for agricultural management assistance program in 2007.

Subtitle C—Energy

SEC. 1301. TERMINATION OF USE OF COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUNDS TO CARRY OUT RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM.

Eliminates funding for loans and grants under the renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements program.

Subtitle D—Rural Development

SEC. 1401. ENHANCED ACCESS TO BROADBAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS.

- (a) Eliminates funding for enhanced broadband access in fiscal year 2007.
- (b) Prohibits funding for this program from remaining available until expended.
- (c) Rescinds all funding that is available and unobligated as of September 30, 2006.

SEC. 1402. VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS.

- (a) Eliminates funding for value-added agricultural product grants in fiscal year 2007.

(b) Prohibits funding for this program from remaining available until expended.

(c) Rescinds all funding that is available and unobligated as of September 30, 2006.

SEC. 1403. RURAL BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM.

(a) Eliminates funding for the rural business investment program in fiscal year 2007.

(b) Prohibits funding for this program from remaining available until expended.

(c) Rescinds all funding that is available and unobligated as of September 30, 2006.

SEC. 1404. RURAL BUSINESS STRATEGIC INVESTMENT GRANTS.

(a) Eliminates funding for rural business strategic investment grants in fiscal year 2007.

(b) Rescinds all funding that is available and unobligated as of September 30, 2006.

SEC. 1405. RURAL FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY PERSONNEL GRANTS.

(a) Eliminates funding for rural firefighter and emergency personnel grants in fiscal year 2007.

(b) Prohibits funding for this program from remaining available until expended.

(c) Rescinds all funding that is available and unobligated as of September 30, 2006.

Subtitle E—Research

SEC. 1501. INITIATIVE FOR FUTURE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SYSTEMS.

(a) Eliminates funding for the Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems in fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009. Provides \$200,000,000 of funding in 2010 and in subsequent fiscal years.

(b) Limits availability of fiscal year 2006 funds to the one year period beginning on October 1, 2005, while maintaining the two-year period of availability for funds made available in other fiscal years.

Subtitle F—Nutrition

SEC. 1601. ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS.

(a) Amends the Food Stamp Act to restrict categorical eligibility status. Provides that only persons who are recipients of cash benefits from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program will be categorically eligible for food stamp program benefits.

(b) Reauthorizes most provisions in the Food Stamp Act through 2011.

SEC. 1602. AVAILABILITY OF COMMODITIES FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(1) Authorizes the purchase of \$140,000,000 worth of commodities per year through 2011.

(2) Authorizes the purchase of an additional \$12,000,000 worth of commodities 2006.

(3) Designates that the additional commodities for 2006 are to be distributed to States affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

SEC. 1603. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

Amends the “Welfare Reform” law to require that noncitizens reside in the U.S. for 7 years before becoming eligible for food stamp benefits.

SEC. 1604. DISASTER FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to pay to State agencies 100% of the administrative costs incurred in the delivery of food stamp benefits to households under the disaster food stamp program initiated in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

II. Full Committee Consideration

The Committee on Agriculture met, pursuant to notice, with a quorum present, on October 28, 2005, to consider its recommendations to the Budget Committee as provided in the Budget Resolution Instructions contained in the H.Con.Res. 95, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

Chairman Goodlatte called the meeting to order and made an opening statement as did Ranking Member Peterson. Without objection, the Chairman’s Mark to the Budget Committee for Title I—Agriculture, with respect to the Reconciliation Bill for Fiscal Year 2006 was placed before the Committee and open for amendment at any point. Counsel and staff were then recognized to give a brief summary of the recommendations.

Mr. Holden was then recognized to offer and explain an amendment to eliminate FY 2006 limitations on funding or operation of certain agriculture programs and activities.

Discussion occurred and by a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 25 nays, and 2 not voting, the amendment failed. See Roll Call Vote #1.

Mr. Melancon was recognized to offer and explain an amendment to provide assistance to citrus, nursery, vegetable, and fruit crops impacted by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita. Chairman Goodlatte voiced opposition to the amendment and after a brief discussion by a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 25 nays, and 2 not voting, the amendment failed. See Roll Call Vote #2.

Mr. Peterson was then recognized to offer and explain an amendment to provide emergency food and farm disaster assistance. The Chairman voiced opposition to the amendment and after a brief discussion by a roll call vote of 19 yeas, 25 nays, and 2 not voting, the amendment failed. See Roll Call Vote #3.

There being no further amendments, Mr. Pombo moved to favorably report the Chairman's Mark for Title I—Agriculture, to the Committee on the Budget for insertion in the Reconciliation Bill. Discussion occurred and by a roll call vote of 24 yeas, 20 nays, and 2 not voting, the recommendations were adopted. See Roll Call #4.

Chairman Goodlatte then advised Members that pursuant to the rules of the House of Representatives that Members have 2 calendar days to file such views with the Committee. Ranking Member Peterson indicated that he intended to submit additional views.

Without objection, staff was given permission to make any necessary clerical, technical or conforming changes to reflect the intent of the Committee.

Chairman Goodlatte thanked all the Members and adjourned the meeting subject to the call of the chair.

REPORTING THE BILL – ROLL CALL VOTES

In compliance with clause 3(b) of Rule XIII of the House of Representatives, the

Committee sets forth the record of the following roll call votes taken with respect to consideration of the recommendations regarding the Reconciliation Bill for Fiscal Year 2006:

Roll Call #1

Summary: Amendment to eliminate FY 2006 limitations on funding or operation of certain agriculture programs and activities.

Offered by Mr. Holden

Results: Failed by a vote of 19 yeas/25 nays/2 not voting.

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| 2. Holden | 12. Melancon |
| 3. McIntyre | 13. Costa |
| 4. Etheridge | 14. Salazar |
| 5. Case | 15. Barrow |
| 6. Cardoza | 16. Pomeroy |
| 7. Scott | 17. Larsen |
| 8. Marshall | 18. Davis |
| 9. Herseth | 19. Chandler |
| 10. Butterfield | |

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| 1. Goodlatte | 19. Boustany |
| 2. Boehner | 20. Schwarz |
| 3. Pombo | 21. Kuhl |
| 4. Everett | 22. Foxx |
| 5. Lucas | 23. Conaway |
| 6. Moran | 24. Fortenberry |
| 7. Jenkins | 25. Schmidt |
| 8. Gutknecht | |
| 9. Hayes | |
| 10. Johnson | |
| 11. Osborne | |
| 12. Pence | |
| 13. Graves | |
| 14. Bonner | |
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| 16. King | |
| 17. Musgrave | |
| 18. Neugebauer | |

NOT VOTING

1. Baca
2. Boswell

Roll Call #2

Summary: Amendment to provide assistance to citrus, nursery, vegetable, and fruit crops impacted by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

Offered by Mr. Melancon

Results: Failed by a vote of 19 yeas/25 nays/2 not voting.

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| 3. Pombo | 20. Schwarz |
| 4. Everett | 21. Kuhl |
| 5. Lucas | 22. Foxx |
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| 7. Jenkins | 24. Fortenberry |
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| 17. Musgrave | |

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Roll Call #3

Summary: Amendment to provide emergency food and farm disaster assistance.

Offered by Mr. Peterson

Results: Failed by a vote of 19 yeas/25 nays/2 not voting.

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| 3. McIntyre | 13. Costa |
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NOT VOTING

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2. Boswell

Roll Call #4

Summary: Motion to favorably report the Chairman's Mark for Title I—Agriculture, to the Budget Committee for insertion in the Reconciliation Bill.

Offered by Mr. Pombo

Results: Adopted by a vote 24 yeas/20 nays/2 not voting.

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| 1. Goodlatte | 13. Bonner |
| 2. Boehner | 14. Rogers |
| 3. Pombo | 15. King |
| 4. Everett | 16. Musgrave |
| 5. Lucas | 17. Neugebauer |
| 6. Moran | 18. Boustany |
| 7. Jenkins | 19. Schwarz |
| 8. Gutknecht | 20. Kuhl |
| 9. Hayes | 21. Foxx |
| 10. Osborne | 22. Conaway |
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| 14. Salazar | |

NOT VOTING

1. Baca
2. Boswell

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(1) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Agriculture's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

With respect to the requirement of clause 3(c)(4) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goals and objections of this legislation are to reduce the level of direct spending by the Committee on Agriculture for the period fiscal year 2006 thru 2010.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds the Constitutional authority for this legislation in Article I, clause 8, section 18, that grants Congress the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested by Congress in the Constitution of the United States or in any department or officer thereof.

BUDGET ACT COMPLIANCE (SECTIONS 308, 402, AND 423)

The provisions of clause 3(c)(2) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (relating to

estimates of new budget authority, new spending authority, new credit authority, or increased or decreased revenues or tax expenditures) are not considered applicable. The estimate and comparison required to be prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under clause 3(c)(3) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and sections 402 and 423 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 submitted to the Committee prior to the filing of this report are as follows: